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TAGS: PFOR, EWWT, CGEN, CZ

SUBJECT: PORT ACCESS ISSUE

REFERENCE: PRAGUE 3608

1. OUR DECISION TO GRANT PORT ACCESS TO CZECHOSLOVAK-FLAG VESSELS ON 7-DAY REQUEST BASIS WAS BASED ON THE FACT THAT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS HAVE NOT REACHED THE LEVEL OF US-POLISH, ROMANIAN OR HUNGARIAN RELATIONS. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN SOME RECENT FORWARD MOVEMENT IN US-CSSR RELATIONS, WE FEEL THAT CONTINUING PROBLEMS, SUCH AS CZECH MEDIA COVERAGE AND JOURNALISTS' VISAS, JUSTIFY HOLDING CZECHOSLOVAKS BACK A LITTLE FROM THEIR ALLIES ON THIS ISSUE.

2. IF THE CZECHOSLOVAKS PRESS FOR AN EXPLANATION FOR THEIR  
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SEVEN-DAY REQUIREMENT, YOU MAY TELL THEM THAT THE US HAS USUALLY FOLLOWED THE PRACTICE OF REDUCING PORT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS IN STAGES (FOR EXAMPLE, THE ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR ROMANIAN VESSELS WERE FIRST REDUCED FROM 14 TO 7 DAYS, AND AFTER AN INTERVAL TO FOUR DAYS). AS US-CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS IMPROVE, THE US WILL CONSIDER A FURTHER RELAXATION OF PORT ACCESS PROCEDURES FOR CZECHO-

SLOVAK VESSELS.  
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